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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

I, Daryl Rees, hereby declare as follows:

1. I hold the degrees of MSc in Pharmacology (London, England, 1985) and PhD in Pharmacology (London, England, 1991). I hold the position of Chief Operating Officer of Phytopharm plc, the Assignee of this patent application. I joined Phytopharm plc in June 1999 from University College, London, England, where I was then a Senior Lecturer in Clinical Pharmacology. I am an Honorary Senior Lecturer in the Department of Medicine at University College, London, a former Editor of the British Journal of Pharmacology, and Chairman of the Huntingdon Research Ethics Committee.

2. The information provided in this Affidavit is taken from the relevant records of Phytopharm plc, to which I have full access, and my personal knowledge.

3. I have studied the Office Action of February 17, 2005 and note that claims 5-8 are rejected as claiming subject matter that was not explained in the specification such that one

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